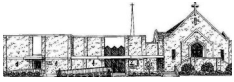


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The Duncan Christian

THE WELL
A MINISTRY OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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WE WANT YOU

TO FILL OUT A MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT FORM

Our new program year normally begins in July, but due to the pandemic setting us back, it will begin in August! The Ministry Involvement Form helps us fill vital roles in our church like delivering meals to the needy, teaching children the good news, inviting people to church, decorating for special events, keeping our property presentable, reading scripture on a Sunday, assisting with church financials, serving at our monthly community free meal, and helping with Youth events. This is only a very small list of what we need our faithful members for!

Fill out a Ministry Involvement Form to let us know what area suits you best! When you're done, mail/bring it to the Church Office, or place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Forms are available in the Church Office. If you need a form mailed to you, please let the Church Office know.

*Your faithful involvement is very
important to our church.*

We couldn't function without it!

The Amen Corner

Time after time, I come to our board meetings with the predictable observation it's been 9 weeks since our last meeting. This time is different because these times are different. This time, it's been 18 weeks and we all know why. The COVID-19 Coronavirus landed on us in March like a bank safe falling from a tall building. There have been 18 Sundays and I've had the joy of preaching each of them. Granted, to the smallest gathered congregations ever but, if Facebook and the internet can be trusted, to the largest numbers of people ever. Some of you are some of them.

Returning to worshipping in person has been a joy, and one we ought embrace while we have it. Circumstances are subject to change in these times and our COVID Committee has been vigilant. So it is, we've gone through Holy Week with none of the special services, special music, Palm Sunday Brunch or flowering the Cross in the Sanctuary.

Fortunately, we've few hospitalized, and just as well because the place is locked up tight! During this time, no one has united with us, barely having a chance! However, we've suffered losses for sure. In April, we lost Honor Vaughn. Soon after, Sue Snider. Then more recently, the tragic death of young Thomas Redhead and last week, Rita Trostle and Walter Herrin. I was glad to have known and loved them all.

A highlight of this period was calling Meranda McClennen as FCC Daycare Director, and Maddie Bacon as Assistant Director. They are making significant improvements. What they've been able to do is, in large part, because of the great service given by Koree Goldsmith during the interim. We owe her a debt.

In June, there were predictions that up to 20% of American churches would close and never reopen. This may prove the case in some places but not here. Your dedicated support has me humbled and more than ever,

Glad to be your pastor,
Arnold

FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 19–25

- 19 Grace Peters
- 20 John Cornwell
Jordan Keeler
Rusty Monkress
Julie Wisdom
- 21 Roy Burk
Terry Byerly
Nan Kimberley
- 22 Marty Askins
Alea Culberson
Amanda Majure
- 23 Kim Kimberely
- 24 Ron Corley

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- 21 Tony & Valeria Lanteri
 - 22 Bennie & Joan Drake
 - 23 Steve & Nadine Hill
 - 24 Brent & Jeanna Russell
 - 25 Chris & Melanie Smith

In Christian Sympathy

✝ Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of **Peggy Niehoff**, who passed away on Saturday, June 20. Memorial services will be held at a later date determined by the family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to 1st Breath, a stillborn and early infant loss assistance foundation, online at 1stBreath.org or mailed to 4 Sherwood Park in Duncan.

✝ We send our deepest condolences to Rita O'Kelley and family upon the death of her brother-in-law, **Al Lueck**, on Tuesday, July 7. A Celebration of Life was held on July 11 in Arizona. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Phoenix Children's Hospital or Buckeye FFA Alumni.

✝ Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of **Walter Herrin** who passed away on Friday, July 10. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 15 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Whitt Funeral Home. A private family graveside service is scheduled with Rev. Arnold Nelson officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to the Chisholm Trail Hospice, c/o DRH Health Foundation, PO Box 2000, Duncan, OK 73534.

Thank You Notes

Dear F.O.C.U.S. Friends,

I appreciate the card, money, and cake so much. It was delicious. I felt your thoughts and prayers each step of my journey to get my diploma. I feel so blessed to be able to call you my friends.

Love you guys,
Glynis Johns

Dear First Christian Church,

It's been a flurry of activity here at Church World Service, adapting and responding for the last few months! Fortunately, you've been such a help in moving things forward in such a time as this. Our kit and blanket distributions consist of a lot of human interaction, from the person purchasing each item, to the congregation facilitating an offering, to the community receiving the gifts. So in a year where being around others can be dangerous... well, you can imagine how that would interrupt things. But your creative and incredible congregation helped stock CWS warehouses with enough blankets and kits to share throughout the last few months. That miracle meant sleeping options for families who were recently evicted, supplies for those who've lost their jobs, school kits for children who no longer have daily access to resources their schools normally provide, and more. Thank you again for making miracles possible for others.

Blessings,
Matthew Stevens, CWS

In Our Prayers

✝ Our prayers are with **David & Emily Weuste** as they have both tested positive for COVID-19. They reside at 1709 S. Adams St., Fort Worth, TX 76110. David is the son of **Karl Weuste & Penny Engelking**.

DAYCARE BOARD MEETING

Monday, July 20

5:30 PM

Koinonia Room

J.O.H.N. 6:35

Due to last month's turnout of only about 10 people, the free meal will be postponed until it is safe for people to gather inside of the building to eat again.

Thank you for understanding,
The J.O.H.N. 6:35 Team

FCC News & Activities

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY

After each Worship Service in the Sanctuary and at the Well this Sunday, July 19, a Congregational Assembly will be held to elect persons to three-year terms of service as Elders, Deacons, and Trustee of our church. All members of the congregation are eligible to vote.

The Nominees are as follows:

ELDERS

Beth Cowan
John Galloway
Koree Goldsmith
Bama White

DEACONS

Melinda Burk
Ed Cox
Dale Jennings
John & Jeanne Losurdo
David & Cyndy Spears

TRUSTEE

Brent Russell

A-YIP-I-O-E-AY!

- ★ Congrats to Max & Andrea Daughtrey as they're expecting a new great grandson on Thanksgiving Day! Congratulations to parents, Dillon & Emily Loving as well.

If you know a member who should be recognized for something, no matter how small, let the Church Office know! We'd love to recognize them!

Board News

On Tuesday, July 14, the Church Board voted to give funding to improve two classrooms and the teachers' lounge at the Daycare.

A GM key fob with other keys on a D-ring was found in the Sanctuary. It will be in the Narthex for you to pick up on Sunday if it is yours!



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Help the Toy Shop during the Most Wonderful Time of the Year, Christmas in July! Monetary donations can be made to FCC with Toy Shop in the memo, or you may leave donated items in the Toy Shop box in the Gathering Hall by the vending machines.



CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Cancelled until further notice.

COMING EVENTS

July 19–25

Sunday, July 19

Good Morning Service in the Sanctuary	8:30 AM
Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary	10:45 AM
Contemporary Worship @ the Well	10:45 AM

Monday, July 20

Daycare Board Meeting, Koinonia Room	5:30 PM
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Wednesday, July 22

Youth UNite @ the Well	6:00 PM
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Saturday, July 25

Men's Breakfast, Gathering Hall	9:00 AM
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MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, July 25
9:00 AM

Gathering Hall



Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Ham, Texas Toast, Sausage Links, Fruit

Speaker: TBD

!!ATTENTION LADIES!!

We want to include you in our Christian Women's Fellowship Yearbook! If you've just finished high school, are new to our church, or are already in a CWF Group, please provide your email, phone number, and address to the Church Office by emailing erica@fccduncan.com or calling 255-6116.

If you're not in a group now, you're welcome to choose the one that best fits your schedule – or even volunteer to start a new group!

GROUPS AND MEETING TIMES

CWF #2 – 3rd Thursday – 9:30 AM
F.O.C.U.S. – 2nd Monday – 5:30 PM
(for those who work and/or attend school)

**8:30—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE**

Sunday, July 19, 2020

Sanctuary

Sermon

Arnold Nelson

Our Do's and Don't's Like It or Not

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Scripture Reader

A.L. Hutson

Communion Prayer

A.L. Hutson

Serving Deacons

1. Kelly Nelson

2. TBD

Attendance Recorder

Kathy Snider

Assistant Treasurer

Cotton Liles

**10:45—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE**

Sunday, July 19, 2020

Sanctuary

Sermon

Arnold Nelson

Our Do's and Don't's Like It or Not

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Scripture Reader

Kassie Gilmore

Serving Elders

Communion Prayer:

Marty Askins

Invocation & Lord's Prayer &

Dedication of Offering:

Darryl Ross

Serving Deacons

1. Beth Cowan

2. Lanna Harris

3. Glynis Johns

4. Randy Shaw

Attendance Recorder

Glynis Johns

Assistant Treasurer

Angie Randolph

**10:45—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE**

Sunday, July 19, 2020

Well

Message

Trevor Evans

Serving Elder: Karl Jacobs

Assistant Treasurer: Trent Cronk

Nursing Home / Assisted Living

Jane Aldridge – Canoe Brook

Sally Anderson – Elk Crossing

Esther Coker Bolding – Canoe Brook

Pat Elam – Canoe Brook

Carlyle & Lynda Galloway – Chisholm Trail

Billie Phagans – Elk Crossing

Carl & Evelyn Slifer – Ashbrook Village

Jackie Van Alstine – St. Simeon's Senior Community

In Our Prayers

Bob Bailey

Friend of Pat Holloway Dixon

Steve Bolt

Sharlotte Campbell

Cousin of Gloria Hetherington

Pat Holloway Dixon

Koree Goldsmith (recovering from sepsis)

Paula Sue Hightower

Kayla 'LaLa' LaFee (recovering from hip surgery)

Herb Lang

Ramona McEatter – Integriss Baptist

Grandmother of Adam Gilmore

Clement Mpofo

Joyce Russell (having vision problems)

Evelyn Slifer (recovering from shingles)

Ronnie & Kathy Thompson

David & Emily Weuste (positive for COVID-19)

son & daughter-in-law of Karl

Weuste & Penny Engelking

Ministers of First Christian Church

Arnold Nelson, Jr.

Trevor Evans

Staff Secretary

Erica Hancock Bennett

Business Secretary

Reba Ford

Organist

Patty Jennings

Sanctuary Choir Director

Kevin Zinn

A.V. Manager, Sanctuary

Richard Herndon

A.V. Manager, Well

Bruce Bailey

Praise Leader @ the Well

Jared Smith

Kitchen Hostess

LaDonna Brown

Head Custodian

Frank Timmins

Custodian

Stephen Stapp

Daycare Director

Meranda McClennen

Daycare Assistant Director

Maddie Bacon

Daycare Programs Manager

Tosha Matheny

Nursery Director

Lacey Myers

July 12, 2020

8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary 28

10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary 46

Worship @ the Well 45

Nursery 7

Online Sanctuary Worship 798

Online Well Worship 190

Total Worship Attendance 1,114

General Budget \$ 7,811.19

Local Benevolent Offering \$ 20.00



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